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THE HUFFINGTON POST 2011 JAN 11 AM 11: 03

**Egyptian Muslims Serve as Human Shields for Coptic Christmas Services** January 7, 2011

Responding to the Christian community's fears of continued violence following the tragic bombing of an Alexandria church on New Year's Day, Egypt's Muslim community held candlelight vigils outside of Coptic churches last Thursday during Christmas Eve celebrations, offering themselves as "human shields" against the threat of Islamic terrorists.

As the Ministry of Interior increased security measures on the eve of the Coptic holiday, deploying 70,000 police officers, thousands of armored vehicles, metal detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs to churches across the country, thousands of Muslim Egyptians rallied to support for their Christian brethren.

President Mubarak's sons and Egyptian movie stars were among those who attended vigils in Cairo after prominent Islamic leaders and celebrities called for a massive show of support by Egypt's Muslims in order to send a message that the nation will not stand for extremist violence and persecution.

"We either live together, or we die together," was the slogan of the night.

"This is not about us and them," said Dalia Mustafa, a student who attended a Cairo Christmas Eve mass. "We are one. This was an attack on Egypt as a whole, and I am standing with the Copts because the only way things will change in this country is if we come together."

To read the full story, please click here.

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